



2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

FROM THE OFFICE OF Mayor Shelley Brindle

Each year, residents receive their final property tax bill in late September for the next tax cycle. I'd like to take this opportunity to include some key highlights about how your municipal tax dollars are being used to continue to drive progress for our post-pandemic future. While COVID has continued to demand our attention and diligence, it has not deterred us from making progress on the transformational plans for our downtown, investing in our parks, paving more roads, and making strides towards becoming a more sustainable community.

We also remain focused on our key priorities: strong fiscal oversight; protecting the safety, health, and welfare of our residents; charting a vision for our future; and championing issues that matter to you — fortifying our infrastructure, adding new playing fields, traffic and pedestrian safety, historic preservation, and more. I continue to be extremely proud of the accomplishments we are making on these and many other fronts.

I would like to thank the many neighbors who have chosen to make Westfield their home year after year, and I welcome the many new residents who have moved here more recently. You can find many helpful resources and a New Resident Information Sheet at westfieldnj.gov/newresidentinformation, or subscribe to receive our Town Updates at westfieldnj.gov/townupdates. Of course, you can always contact me directly at mayorbrindle@westfieldnj.gov with any questions you may have about our community.

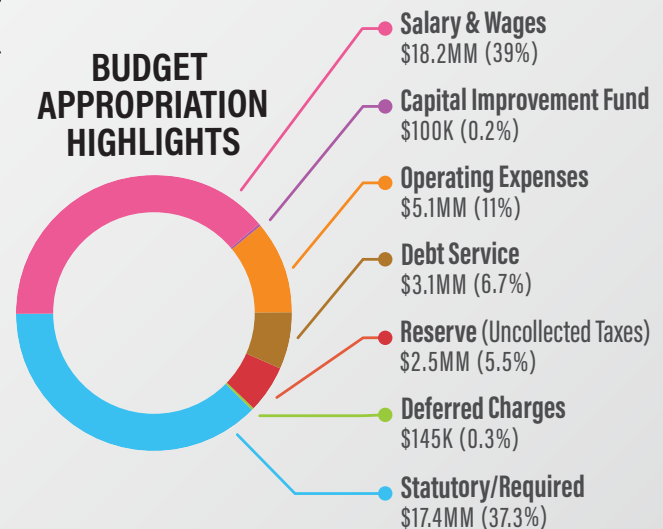
Thanks, as always, for your engagement and contributions to make Westfield a wonderful place to call home.

2021 WESTFIELD BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

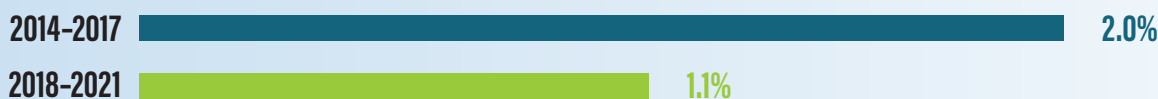
WHERE YOUR TAXES GO



BUDGET APPROPRIATION HIGHLIGHTS



Four-Year Average Municipal Tax Increase



THIS YEAR'S MUNICIPAL INCREASE EQUALS \$66
FOR THE AVERAGE ASSESSED HOUSEHOLD.



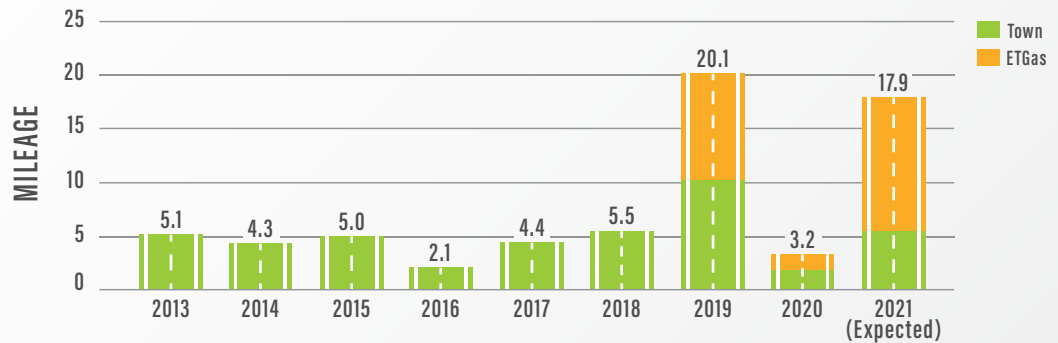
2021 KEY PROGRESS TO DATE

UNPRECEDENTED PAVING INITIATIVE

Our innovative partnership with utility companies has driven unprecedented paving efforts:

- 2018-2020: Nearly 29 miles of roads paved
- 2021-2024: Nearly 40 miles of roads expected to be paved
- Result: 69% of the Town's roads completed or planned in 2018-2024

See the plan and follow our progress at westfieldnj.gov/roadimprovements.



INVESTMENTS IN TECHNOLOGY TO DRIVE EFFICIENCIES

New Municipal Website Launched



Continued Growth in Westfield Connect Usage



Planned Digital Upgrades to Town Council Chambers



GOING FOR THE GREEN



Six Free EV Charging Stations Installed Downtown



First-Time Sustainable Jersey Certification (Silver)

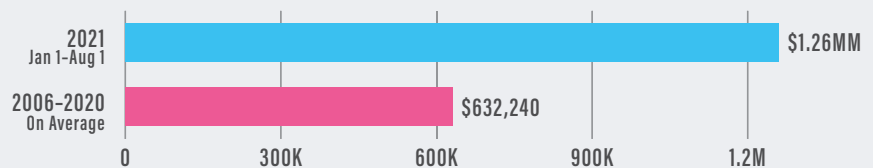


First Rain Garden on Municipal Property Placed at Tamaques Park to Further Resilient Infrastructure



Planning Board Approved First-Ever Hydroponic Farm in Westfield (Redi-farms) in Former Handler Building

HISTORIC LEVELS OF GRANT FUNDING



Sustainable Jersey Funding Green Team Programming



NJ Department of Health Funding COVID Vaccinations and Public Health Programming



State Department of Attorney General Funding Body Worn Cameras for Police Department



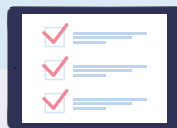
Road Improvements NJ DOT and Union County Infrastructure Grants for Paving

SMART GROWTH



Strategic Parks Plan Implementation

- Public input continues on Edison Fields project
- Improvements continue in Tamaques (pavillion, benches, rain garden, ADA accessibility)
- Ongoing initiatives to preserve and restore Brightwood Park as a nature sanctuary



Designation of Streetworks Development for Lord & Taylor site and Municipal Lots 1, 2, & 7



Circulation & Land Use Element of Master Plan Finalized to Guide Redevelopment Decisions



Town's First PILOT Designation for Westfield Crossing Development

- \$750,000 in public improvements
- \$15MM expected net benefit to the Town to fund designated capital improvements such as parks and fields
- Zero impact on school funding